





# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO THE TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 19, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 19. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of higher education shall provide full tuition waivers for any state-supported course offered by an institution at a public college or university, excluding graduate courses and courses in the MD program at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, and including courses toward an undergraduate degree program, certificate program, short-term certificate program and noncredit courses at each community college, state college, and undergraduate campus of the University of Massachusetts for students who are not over the age of 24 and who, while in the custody of the department of social services, or a non-profit charity, were adopted by an eligible Massachusetts resident or commonwealth employee as determined by the department of social services in conjunction with the human resources division.